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## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

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### Proposition 50

The Budget proposes \$1.1 billion from Proposition 50 for protection of the state's water resources. These funds will be used to provide grants and loans to local water agencies to meet safe drinking water standards, protect the state's water supplies from terrorist attack, reduce water pollution through the capture of additional storm water and agricultural runoff, and acquire environmentally sensitive watersheds, wetlands, and beaches.

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### Proposition 40

The Budget proposes \$816.7 million from Proposition 40 to continue efforts to protect the state's parks and wildlife habitats. These funds will be used for a number of environmental improvement projects, including park acquisitions, wetlands conservation projects, coastal protection acquisitions, public access development, salmon habitat preservation, and projects that improve Lake Tahoe.



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## CALFED

The Budget proposes \$582.1 million for the State's share of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (\$18.4 million General Fund, \$531.2 million bond funds, and \$32.5 million other funds). These funds will be used to address environmental concerns in the Delta while ensuring adequate water supplies for agricultural and urban users.

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## River Parkways

The Budget proposes \$32.9 million (\$7.9 million from Proposition 40 and \$25 million from Proposition 50) to develop and protect river parkways. Priority will be given to projects consistent with approved watershed plans that also include water quality and watershed protection benefits while expanding recreation opportunities.

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## Fund Shifts

**State Parks**—The Budget proposes a fee increase for various park services beginning January 2003. These fees, including day-use and camping fees, are estimated to generate an additional \$20 million of revenue annually. Fees, however, generally will remain at lower levels than before they were reduced by the Administration in 2000.

**Fishing and Hunting Licenses**—The Budget proposes to increase annual general resident license fees from approximately \$30 to \$33.50. In addition, various special licenses for fishing and hunting of particular species will be increased. These increases will generate an additional \$4 million.



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**Regulatory Fees for Enforcement**—Consistent with the “polluter pays” principle:

- ◆ **Clean Air**—The Budget proposes to increase fees on stationary sources of air pollution, thereby generating \$10 million in new revenues.
- ◆ **Clean Water**—The Budget includes a \$13.6 million funding shift for the State Water Resources Control Board Core Regulatory Program from the General Fund to waste discharge fees. These fees are used to permit and monitor discharges, and take enforcement action where dischargers are out of compliance with their permits.
- ◆ **Pesticide Regulation**—The Budget proposes to shift all General Fund support for the Department of Pesticide Regulation by increasing the mill assessment on the sales of pesticides (\$7.5 million), implementing greater collection efficiencies (\$2.0 million), and increasing license and examination fees (\$1.1 million).



